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Applicant: John A. Macoviak
Appn. Title: HEART VALVE ANNULUS DEVICE AND METHOD OF USING SAME
Examiner: Alvin J. Stewart GAU: 3738
Docket No.: CONFO.49060

AMENDMENT A

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 04/23/2002, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-49 are pending in the application.
Claims 7, 16 and 25-49 are withdrawn from consideration.
Claims 1-6, 8-15, 23 and 24 were rejected.
Claims 17-22 were objected to, but otherwise allowable.

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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Examiner withdrew claims 25-27, 36-41 and 47-49 as being drawn to a deployment tool. Applicant submits that the restriction of these claims was in error because the claims in question are in fact drawn to the elected invention of a heart valve anchor device. Applicant therefore resubmits claims 25-27, 36-41 and 47-49 for consideration on the merits by Examiner.

Applicant reserves the right to resubmit dependent claims 7 and 16 for consideration should the base claims or other generic claims be found to be allowable. Regarding the remaining withdrawn claims, applicant reserves the right to resubmit these claims for consideration if rewritten as dependent upon an allowable base claim or otherwise including all of the limitations of an allowable claim.